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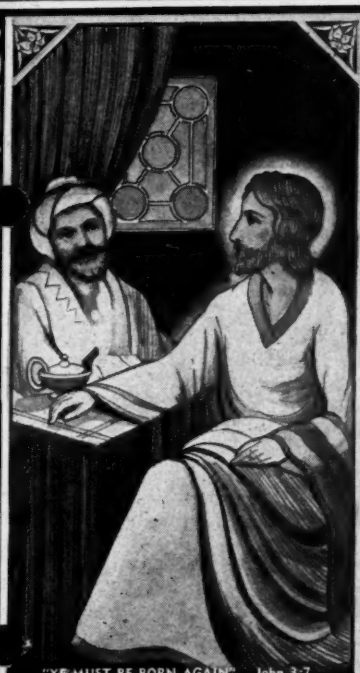


"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7

O LOVE DIVINE

Wilbur J. Powell

"Hereby perceive we the *love* of *God*, because *He* laid down his life for us."

O love Divine! my soul from darkness calling;
To walk in ways of wondrous golden light;
How sweet the tender voice upon me falling!
Bidding me keep the Star of Hope in sight.

O love Divine! all earthly love surpassing!
Reaching the farthest depths of human woe!
All other human love by far outlasting;
Going where human love *can never go!*

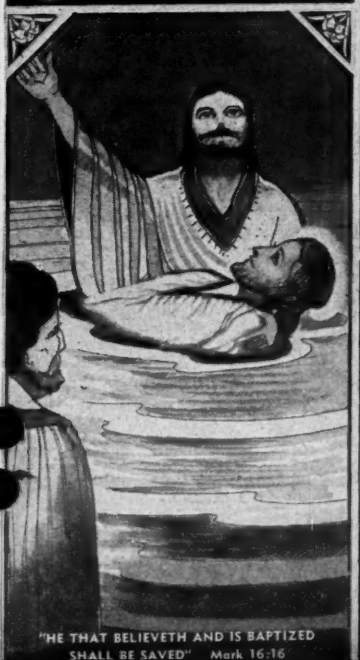
O love Divine! our hearts with rapture thrilling!
Helping us walk life's rolling Galilee:
Tempest within, without, so sweetly stilling,
Setting our hearts from fear and terror free.

O love Divine! a song of gladness swelling,
Deep in our hearts when storms are raging high;
Sweetest assurance to our spirits telling,
Fear not! for I thy God am ever nigh!

O love Divine! while life on earth shall linger,
I'll tell the wondrous story o'er and o'er;
And point lost men with faith's assuring finger
To Christ who on the Cross that love outpoured!

—*Christian Faith*

"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16

"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4

"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

The Church of God at Sylva, N. C. will have home-coming the third Sunday in July. The churches on the Hayesville and Asheville districts are invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.—Melita Bryson, clerk.

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There will be home-coming day at the Church of God at Marietta, Ga. the second Sunday in July, the 9th. Everybody is welcome. Bring a well-filled basket.—J. L. Anderson, clerk, Kennesaw, Ga.

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There will be a district Y. P. E. and Sunday School rally for the Thomasville, Ala. district, convening at the Selma church on July 9.

The Mobile, Ala. district rally will convene in Crichton, Ala. July 23. You are invited to attend these rallies and help us make them a success. Brother T. G. Pearson and his wife will be present with a program for your enjoyment.—District superintendent, Miss Gabriella McKeough, Chickasaw, Ala.

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We will have home-coming at Sunny Meadows the second Sunday in July. Everybody is invited. As we have never had a home-coming here before we would like for as many churches and preachers to be with us as possible. We also want someone to come prepared to hold us a revival. Our church is located nine miles north of Pikeville on Highway 28.—W. T. Pearson, Pikeville, Tenn.

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CORRECTION: We made a mistake in announcing our home coming. It will be at Sale Creek, Tenn. church, July 9. Everybody is invited. Bring a basket and stay all day. Pray for us.—Roy Dagnan, pastor, Chickamauga, Ga.

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We are in a brush arbor revival at No. 2 Church of God at Walhalla, S. C. which began July 1. We are praying for an old time, soul-stirring revival. We are expecting our district pastor, Brother Lee, to be with us, also our state overseer, Brother Beaube. We especially invite all preachers on the district to come and help us in the meetings, and we cordially invite all preachers, musicians and helpers everywhere to help us make this a revival to be long remembered.—The pastor, J. W. Watkins, Walhalla, S. C.

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Our Kentucky state camp meeting and convention will convene in the big tabernacle at Somerset, Ky. July 24-30. The convention part will be from the 28th to the 30th. It has been said that many of our Kentucky people do not come until the last of the meeting. We must change that custom this year and come for the first service and stay until the close.

Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, our former state overseer, and a goodly number of other good preachers and singers from out of the state are expected to be with us. Let us show them how good and loyal the Kentucky people are by coming early and staying through the whole week.

It has been said by many all over the state that our district conventions this year were the best in the history of the state. We praise God for this. We must make the state convention the best in the history of the state. We can't do this without your co-operation. Here are three big things that we want our good Kentucky people to do. You have done everything we have told you so far and we are sure you will do this. First—on our special prayer day, July 23, everybody please pray for the success of the meeting. Second—do your best to attend the full week. Third—every church bring a good mission offering. Then a little more, all of the churches and pastors do your best to be up with all of the Church's program so you can be on the Honor Rolls.

We are building a new restaurant and making other improvements on the camp ground. There will be plenty of places to sleep and enough to eat at as reasonable prices as possible. There is plenty of room on the grounds for people to camp. We expect to have our gospel tents put up on the grounds to help accommodate those who want to camp. All of the revivals and other services throughout the state are to be closed for our state meeting. We will close the convention early enough for everybody to get back to their home for Sunday night. We are counting on you.—B. L. Hicks, state overseer of Kentucky, 137 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

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A great revival is in progress in Elizabethton, Tenn. Many souls are praying through. God is blessing. The attendance and co-operation are good. Brother Ellis, pastor, is in charge. Pray for us.—Dixie (Greenwood) Chambers and S. Maney, evangelists.

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There will be all-day meeting at Hyden, Ky. in the courthouse the second Sunday in July, the 9th. Everybody bring a well-filled basket and we will have dinner on the ground. All are invited. There will be good singing, music and preaching. We are also planning to start a revival with John D. Raynor in charge.—B. H. Enix, district pastor, Hazard, Ky.

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The Church of God at Carlsbad, N. Mex. is moving along. We had a good district convention and a good Sunday School—not the largest but one of the best in the West. Our camp meeting will soon be on. We are looking for a good time in the Lord, also praying that the Lord will send both Brothers J. H. Walker and R. P. Johnson this way. We give them a big welcome. We can't see why everybody doesn't want to come to Carlsbad to live. Surely the land of sunshine is right, for it hardly ever rains, has not rained as much as a two-inch rain in two years in all. We also extend Brother S. W. Latimer a big welcome to come to our camp meeting with the others. When you come by, if you are Church of God, stop over and see us—three blocks southwest of the post office in Carlsbad on S. Alameta St. Several have prayed through week ends besides in our revivals, so we need a revival now. Pray for us.—W. M. Ford, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

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Sunday, July 9, there will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Marvel, Ala. Everybody is invited. There will be singing, preaching and dinner on the ground.—Junie M. Roman, Marvel, Ala.

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To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of Arkansas: Our report to Brother Walker for the month of May was off some on account of some of our Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools not reporting, and some sent their reports too late. Please do your best for your Sunday School and Y. P. E., and pastors, please remind the officers of these two departments of your church to be sure to report and have it in on time. Remember the state Sunday School banner is to be awarded next month, July 23.

My address has been changed from 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark. to Gen. Del., Stuttgart, Ark. Please send your reports to the new address given as they would be delayed a day or two by sending them to the old address.—George E. Brazell, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent of Arkansas.

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The Church of God in Michigan and Central Canada is sponsoring a program over station CKLW, Windsor, Canada, every Monday night from 9:30-10:00, E. S. T. This is a 5,000 watt station and operates on a frequency of 1030 kilocycles.—J. Stewart Brinsfield, Detroit, Mich.

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FOR SALE: One 27x55 four-pole used tent; good condition. Price, $100.00.—Thos. G. Evans, Star Rt., Ensley, Ala.

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We will have all-day service and dinner on the ground the second Sunday in July at Piney Grove Church of God. We will take sacrament and have feet wash-

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The Sure Foundation or Christ in You the Hope of Glory

BY S. J. WOOD

Text: *"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his."*

Solomon, the wise man, said, "The righteous is an everlasting FOUNDATION," and well did he say it for truly every thing has some kind of FOUNDATION, some good and some not so good, but whether good or bad it is the whole fabric or constitution of a thing. Nothing is better than its FOUNDATION.

HE KNOWS

Yes, He knows them that are His. The knowledge of the fact is sealed with Him. Knowing a thing is the acme or perfection of knowledge relative to that certain thing. Then for one to be certain of his judgment and decision he must necessarily be thoroughly familiar with the generally accepted basis upon which a thing is to be judged.

SEAL

The sureness of this great FOUNDATION is God's seal, and the seal is, "He knows them that are his." A seal always denotes dependability. The Apostle Paul calls circumcision a seal of the righteousness of faith. Circumcision was a seal and an assurance on God's part, both to Abraham and his spiritual seed, that He would give them Christ the promised seed out of the loins of Abraham, and in Him accept them as His peculiar people, pardon their sins, and cleanse them from natural corruption, signified by their cutting off their foreskins. It was a confirmation of the covenant of grace and of the righteousness therein promised upon believing in Christ. Writing to the Ephesians he further says, "In whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." At 1 Cor. 9:2 Paul calls the Corinthians his seal of apostleship,—"The seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord." In other words, Ye are a certain evidence of my divine call. My apostolic office has a confirmation in you by the effect, as a writing is confirmed by the seal.

BASIS

We shall not take time and space to refer to all the codes and bases that have in their time served the purpose of God in His conclusions but will only refer to the present dispensational basis that He uses in His sealing. However, all others that have served their time and purpose were only a puny symbol, type or shadow of the good one to come. Again, referring to the wise man's declaration, "The righteous is an everlasting foundation." The word "righteousness" is used with Jesus Christ as the central idea, always. Isaiah 28:16, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, A SURE FOUNDATION: he that believeth shall not make haste."

A MERGER

Turning to the 85th Psalm, it seems that a merger of basis is hinted at "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven."

We refer to it as a merger of basis for the simple reason that mercy and truth, in a sense, are the equivalent of law and grace. To the Corinthians Paul says, "I have laid the foundation, another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." And to the Ephesians he has this to say, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." And to Timothy he gave a charge pertaining to the rich, that they do certain good works to offset and counteract the effect of riches on their spirituality, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come.

WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED

The apostles asked Jesus this question after hearing Him denounce riches as detrimental to one entering into the kingdom of God, and Jesus further qualified His assertion by saying the things which are impossible with man are possible with God. YES, God is certain as to who are His, as says the text, "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."

A MYSTERY

Says Paul, "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints."

WHAT IS IT?

His body, the Church "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY." Yes, good works are very essential to a good influence and will be the sole basis used in determining who are eligible for rewards. At Titus 3:8 Paul says, "This is a faith-

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Encouragement

J. B. WEEKS

Webster says "encouragement" means the act of encouraging, that which gives courage or inspires to action or perseverance.

We have been thinking for sometime about writing about encouragement as it means so much for one to be encouraged when discouraged. It is said that a friend in need is a friend indeed. On life's uneven road it means so much to each of us for some dear friend to say or do something to encourage us and it seems we want to do our best when we are appreciated by someone.

Oh, that song, "Just give him a lift," when you see some brother down, means so much. I once thought religion was something we get but the Bible says it is something we do. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world," James 1:27. Also, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain," verse 26. So there is vain religion and pure religion.

Turn with me to Isa. 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

It seems to me that Jesus in all His ministry tried to encourage people who needed it most, those who were down and out, even sinners when forsaken by all others. He was always helping and encouraging others by kindness and showing His interest in them. I think we forget that people need encouragement now, and I believe many go down because of the lack of it. It seems we are most happy when we encourage others. So many times a good word of encouragement from our superiors would help us, instead of being criticized. If we could be told of some of the good we had tried to do instead of always being reminded of our faults, it would do so much more good.

I have in mind now men who have given their entire lives for the Church and in their old age are being criticized

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EDITORIALS

General Assembly of The Church of God

To the Church of God everywhere: Please keep in mind the General Assembly. Of course we are looking for you. We want this to be one of the best Assemblies in the history of the Church. Come praying that God will have His way. Whatever pleases Him surely will please us, and nothing will be better for the Church than for God's plan and purpose to be wrought among His ministers. Remember the date, October 11-15, at the Municipal Auditorium, Atlanta, Ga.

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The Fifth Trumpet: The First Woe

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter," Rev. 9:1-12.

At the sounding of the fifth trumpet a star will fall from heaven as John describes. This star will no doubt be Satan himself. He will come to torment the people on earth. John refers to this star as "him," masculine gender. At this time God will give him the keys to the bottomless pit. This star will have intelligence as is shown by the use of the key and the opening of the pit. The lights in the heavens are usually called stars. Isaiah refers to this being as Lucifer, the son of the morning. Isa. 14:12. No doubt, this refers to the chief angel back in the beginning of the world, who, at that time, tried to exalt himself above God and was cast down. He is also referred to as the prince of the power of the air, and at the time of this awful trouble he will be on earth with all of his demons, and will take a part in afflicting and destroying men.

Now some will object to this angel being called Satan. They claim that God will not give him power to open the pit and bring destruction upon men, but one time God gave Satan permission to destroy Job's whole family, but He reserved the life of Job.

The pit in this instance is taken from "abussos" which has reference to the infernal, deep or bottomless pit or abyss.

Peter refers to some of the fallen angels and says they were cast down to hell. 2 Peter 2:4. The Greek word for hell is "tartaros." "Tartaros" means the deepest abyss of Hades. There is nothing that can be deeper than the bottomless pit and we conclude that it is in the same place in the bowels of the earth where all the wicked are kept.

When this star opens the bottomless pit there will be a great smoke as of a great furnace and the sun will be darkened by the smoke. Joel 2:2-10 refers to this day as a day of darkness, a day of thick clouds of darkness, and he fully describes how this great army of destroyers will work and what great havoc will be wrought upon the earth. It is not unreasonable to suppose that this angel is Satan himself. This will be a literal army and their destruction will be upon men who have not the seal of God. They are referred to as locusts but they are not locusts like we have. The locusts of our day eat grass and herbs, but these locusts will be intelligent beings and they will have a king over them and he will exercise authority and will command them and they will go forth to destroy men.

They are only to destroy or torment men. They are not to kill these men but they are to torment them, and their torment will last for five months. They will have hair like women and their teeth will be like unto the teeth of lions. They will have breastplates to protect them from any attacks. We cannot conceive of the terribleness of this awful time.

The sting of these locusts will be like that of a scorpion. Those stung will have chills and fever and will swell and froth at the mouth.

From the description given any one can see that these are not ordinary locusts, for they are commanded not to eat the grass nor any green thing. Ordinary locusts do not have a king over them, so Solomon said in Prov. 30:27. From the reading of Rev. 9:4 we see that God will have His people sealed, especially the 144,000 Jews, for they are to hurt men who have not the seal of God.

These demons will be very orderly in their work. They will not destroy one another but they will destroy both Jew and Gentile who have turned their backs on God, and their noise will be like chariots and horsemen running to battle. They will appear like horses.

The Lord shall utter His voice before this army. Those men and women who reject God and declare that He does not exist, in my opinion, will be the ones that suffer from these awful destroyers.

This is one of the times that great suffering will prevail, and one of the strange things is that these people will not die. They will try to destroy themselves but death will flee from them.

It seems that God at this time will protect the remnant of His people that have not been slain, from these awful demons. If the wicked world could realize what is coming upon them, they surely would repent and make ready for the return of the Lord who will raise the dead in Christ and change those who are alive and take them away from this troublesome world.

Our scripture lesson is sometime after the middle of the tribulation week and after the trumpets have begun to sound.

The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

For Those Who Do Not Believe In Holiness

READ AND PONDER THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES

That Which Becometh Our God

"God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness," Psa. 47:8. "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever," Psa. 93:5.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," Psa. 29:2.

The People of God Are Called Holy

"And he shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel," Exod. 19:6. "And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord," Isa. 62:12. An "inheritance among them which are sanctified" is declared by Paul to be the portion of those who turn to God. Acts 26:18. Those who are partakers of the heavenly calling are called holy brethren. 1 Thess. 5:27; Heb. 3:1.

It Is in Holiness that the Christian Serves God

"The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us that we . . . might serve him . . . in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life," Luke 1:73-75. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation," 1 Peter 1:15.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness," 2 Peter 3:11.

It Is the Will and Purpose of God to Have a Holy People

"He hath chosen us . . . before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love," Eph. 1:4. "For this is the will of God even your sanctification," 1 Thess. 4:3. "To present you holy and unblamable and unreprovable in his sight," Col. 1:22. "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:23.

The Holy, Sanctified Life, Provided Through the Lord Jesus Christ

"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish," Eph. 5:25-27. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," Heb. 13:12.

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Counterfeit Religion

In South America there is a tree, so travelers say, the leaf of which starving men will chew, because it gives them the most enjoyable sensation of having been fed. Through its influence all desire for food departs, and a starving person is thus saved from the painful gnawing of hunger. Pain is taken away but death is not defeated. The leaf contains a drug but no nourishment. It satisfies a man's craving but it does not satisfy his need, for in one respect it is a counterfeit of food; it deceives the dying man by assuring him that he has food, whereas he is dying for lack of it.

This is exactly the danger which attends a form of godliness. It meets and satisfies the inner craving of our religious natures, and yet, it is a spiritual drug, plunging us into death when we think we have found life. It satisfies our craving but it does not provide for our need. It fills but does not feed. There is only One who can satisfy, and He is the living bread that came down from heaven. As we feed upon Him we have true life.—*Latter-Day Messenger.*

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Startling Judgment

About a quarter of a century ago an infidel got up on one of the heights of the Catskill Mountains and in the presence of some atheistic companions defied the God of heaven to show Himself in battle. He swung his sword to and fro, and challenged the Almighty to meet him in single combat. The Almighty paid no attention to him, of course, but He just commissioned a little gnat, so small that it could scarcely be seen by a microscope, to lodge in his windpipe and choke him to death.—*Dr. Pierson.*

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Saved From, or in, Sin?

Sin has wrecked humanity. When God created Adam He created him in His own image and pronounced him, with all that He created, "very good." Every thing bad that has come to him since is the result of sin. His separation from God, and every evil trait of his character, with every unholy desire of his heart, and even every pain that he suffers, all, are traceable to sin.

Some Things God Says and the Sinner

It is sin that separates the sinner from God. Isa. 59:2.

The wicked are "like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." Isa. 57:20.

It is iniquity that is man's ruin. Ezek. 18:30.

God's eye is too pure to behold iniquity. Hab. 1:13.

God is "angry with the wicked every day," Psa. 7:11.

The wicked are "in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond (or grip) of iniquity," Acts 8:23.

Sin described as "a world of iniquity . . . defiling the whole body," James 3:6.

God looked upon all men, the whole world, as lost in sin. "There is none righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3:9-18. For this reason He sent His only begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Jesus the Savior from Sin

"And thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins," Matt. 1:21.

Jesus came to save sinners *from* their sins, not *in* their sins. To *save* means to rescue, as a man drowning. A man rescued from drowning is pulled out of the water. A sinner rescued from sin is delivered from sin and brought out from under its dominion and power, and ceases to live in it.

The Saved Man Has Peace With God

But the man who practices sin has no such peace, "there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked," Isa. 57:21.

The Believer in Christ Has a Clear Conscience

But the man who is guilty of sin is under condemnation. And being condemned by his own heart, he is also condemned by the Lord, who is greater. 1 John 3:20-24. Those who are uncondemned have confidence toward God. They are therefore accepted of Him, enjoy His fellowship and live in Him.

Those Who Are Saved Enjoy "the love of God"

But what is the love of God? "And this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous," 1 John 5:3. If we continue to commit sin and break God's commandments, how can we claim that we are saved? Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments," John 14:15. And He made it stronger still by saying, "If a man love me, *he will keep my words,*" John 14:23. And how plain are the words recorded in 1 John 3:8, 9, "He that committeth sin is of the devil," and "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin."

The unsaved commit and live in sin. The saved are delivered from it and live above it.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Report From India

Chengannur P. O. Travancore State,
South India, May 2, 1939

Beloved Friends:

We praise the Lord for His continued blessing and for the increase in this vineyard. In both the Tamil and Malayalam fields during the year 1938, 316 followed the Lord in water baptism. Although you perhaps have read something about the conventions in this field, we are writing a little more in connection with the same.

Though we have had a few smaller conventions at Madura before, this last one was the most uplifting and prolific in results. It was the first time that the whole Tamil field was represented. Some of the outstanding events have left a lasting impression upon me. One Hindu woman, not of the crude type, but intelligent, who had got interested in the gospel before this, came to the altar, got saved, and during the tarrying meetings, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It moved me to rejoicing, seeing her one evening out on the road after the meeting, with several other women of our fellowship, full of the joy of the Holy Spirit. It was so different from others that I was filled with holy awe.

From the very beginning of the meetings the Spirit's presence was manifested and the people were in an expectant attitude. Little wonder that the messages came forth with such convicting and edifying power. Words cannot be found to describe the sanctity of the meetings.

At our annual convention in Travancore, a number came from the Tamil field, most of whom know English, so they can understand the messages given in English, and afterward interpreted into the Malayalam. Among those who came were three school teachers from Papanasum, and in the tarrying meetings at the convention, two of them received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. After going back to their homes, they have been used to stir up more interest in the work there. We have a Bible school student, Brother Chacko, looking after the work in Papanasum. His wife is also a Bible student and other students have helped in the work there. Chacko is now holding Bible classes which we hear are much appreciated.

I was to have gone there for some special meetings but had to give up going as I was too tired and run-down and Brother Benjamin held meetings there. At that time two were filled with the Holy Spirit and seven followed the Lord in water baptism. This is a great Hindu center where there is a monkey temple and other temples; it is a place where Hindu pilgrims come.

Meetings had been booked ahead in Villipuram, which is about 100 miles this side of Madras. After some rest, I was able to go for these meetings where the Lord blessed and eleven followed the Lord in water baptism. This is a large town where there are many Hindus and Roman Catholics, and though the work is fairly new, it is in a thriving condition.

At this convention we met some independent workers, one of whom is from Madras. I have been in Madras twice, by invitation, ministering to some independent assemblies there and have often longed that the Church of God might have a place in this large city. While in Madras, this brother had invited me to come to his place and some of his people begged me to give them just one meeting, but I had to tell them that it was impossible because of other appointments. My heart's desire has now been realized and this Brother Daniel has now come into our fellowship. He has put a big sign board above the door of his meeting place in both English and Tamil, "The Church of God in India." Now we have reached Madras, praise the Lord.

We do not intend to stop there and shall not be satisfied until we have reached all over India. We have written to you about the open door in the Telegu field. About 200 miles north of Madras is Nellore, a town which is a Baptist stronghold. The Sanyasi opened the work in Nellore and in other villages of the Telegu field and since then there has been a continuous revival in a village near Nellore; this is due to the hunger and prevailing prayer of the saints.

I have been hindered from going there to organize the work, one reason being lack of finances and another being that we do not want to provoke the European Baptist missionaries. It may be that more of them will come into Pentecost through the Indian people or at least will be open for the truth. The wife of one Dr. H. of the Baptist mission has recently received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She is one who attended our meetings in the Hills and whom we were partly instrumental in helping on the way to the experience.

Furthermore, we feel that the time is ripe to spread the Full Gospel here in India through trained native workers who seem to have a better access to the hearts of the people because of the national feeling. Through the efforts of the Sanyasi, some members of the Baptist church (native) have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have advised him that it would not be good to split up the church just yet, but leave the door open for more to come out.

A young woman, from the midst of these people in Nellore, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and she went boldly to one of the missionaries at the place, one who is a learned man and spoke to him. She spoke in tongues in Greek and this made him open to hear her experience. She came to our annual convention in Travancore and gave her testimony and now is waiting to enter our Bible school which is to open this month. Pray for this one—Jemi Bai by name—that she may soon be qualified as an efficient witness to the full gospel for she will be the first woman Church of God worker in the Telegu field. We believe that the Lord has sent her.

A young man whom we call Oonnoonni, though his real name is Abraham, came to our Bible school last year and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit after coming. He is a Syrian and was a Jacobite (Greek Catholic faith) and has a good education. He is a spiritually-minded young man, has a great spirit of prayer and is zealous for the Lord. A short time ago he started out from Travancore in faith, to go to the Telegu field, visiting our stations along the way, and sometime this month he expects to reach Nellore. Since he knows some Telegu, we have encouraged him, even though he needs more Bible training. However, he has a good foundation of Bible knowledge. Please pray for this young man that he may be used of the Lord.

Another Bible student named Mary, has been working in Madura, together with a Brahmin woman convert named Esther. Those who have sent help for the Bible School students will be encouraged to pray on and perhaps help more in this good work. Teaching and sending out native workers is the great need of the hour. We never know how soon the door will be closed to the European missionaries.

We thank you for your prayers and interest. Let us continue to work "while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."—Yours in the fellowship of the gospel, Robert F. Cook.

To draw nigh to God we must close our eyes, ears, and heart to any bid that might be made by Satan or any of his agents or influences to get us to wait until tomorrow.

The gospel has never refused to go anywhere people want to carry it.

State Conventions

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

ILLINOIS

This convention was our first for this Assembly year which convened April 20-23. Brother Zeno C. Tharp went with me, and truly we had a wonderful time. The convention was well attended. The singing and preaching was splendid. God blessed wonderfully. Although Brother Thomas had been sick considerably, he had arranged a good program, and the various committees carried on the work commendably well.

The reports reveal that the Illinois people have been working hard this year. There were numbers reporting 100% on everything on state and general program.

May God bless the Illinois people.

FLORIDA

The Florida camp meeting-convention was the best attended, and reports were, I believe, by far the best ever for Florida. God was with us from the beginning, and it goes without saying that Florida was there with her part of the state and general program. The offerings were good. The reports revealed splendid work done this year. There was that sweet fellowship filling the air like the aroma of the sweet orange blossoms.

Outbursts of old time camp meeting showers continued wave after wave until everyone was moved more or less and was definite evidence that no decline is to be seen in the victorious shouts of Church of God people while they carry on the greatest work in the history of the Church.

I was not privileged to remain for all the camp meeting since I was scheduled to attend the Missouri state convention during the same time, but I have heard that the entire camp meeting was the greatest in many ways of any ever held in old Florida. The mission offering exceeded any previous offering for the state.

Long live the memories of old camp meeting days in Florida.

MISSOURI

The Missouri state convention convened June 9-11. God wonderfully blessed throughout the entire convention which was held in the high school auditorium at Desloge, Missouri. The messages were good. Reports showed that our brethren had worked hard and under the circumstances did a splendid work in attempting to bring the state up on all lines. The mission offering was over $200.00. God is blessing Brother Marcum, and the ministers and laity love him, and I believe they will have a good year to report at the General Assembly.

On Monday night following we had a special service in St. Louis with Brother and Sister French. I appreciate so very much the splendid people there, and the good work they are doing. Remember we are praying for you in your building program in that great city.

OHIO

The Ohio state convention convened June 15-18 at Canton in the City Auditorium. Brother Clark, with the pastors and committees, had arrangements to accommodate the people who came from all over the state. Brother and Sister L. T. Waters and the Burnett sisters rendered valuable services in singing. Brother Waters and helpers surely prepared and served delicious and wholesome meals for all that great crowd, which was free to all persons attending the convention.

The preaching was good but unfortunately the people could scarcely hear in the large auditorium, thus making it very hard on everyone. But God most wonderfully blessed. Even in the last service on Sunday night when the people were most worn it became the most enjoyable service and the people were running, shouting, and praising God all over the building.

The mission offering final count was $204.54. One lady gave a diamond for missions for which she had paid $100.00.

We look for a good report at the Assembly this fall from Ohio.

May God bless our Ohio people.

NORTH CAROLINA

This convention indeed was one of the most spiritual conventions we have had this year. It was freighted with the blessings of God from the first service through to the last. The messages were so instructive, helpful, and a means of blessing to everyone. The singing and music were splendid. Time, space nor words would permit a description of the blessed time we had together. Reports showed that great efforts had been put forth endeavoring to bring the state and general program up 100% on all lines. In fact, nearly all the churches were 100% in every department. On a general summary since their last convention, which has been about a year, new members were 1,148, they have built seven new buildings, and there were according to reports 2,699 saved, 1,371 sanctified, and 989 filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we certainly praise and thank God. The spirit of missions is getting hold of our North Carolina people. When the final count was made as best as I can remember now, there was $1,261.65. This far exceeds any previous mission offering in North Carolina. God was with us in a special way in that offering. People brought not only their money but their rings to be sold for missions. When we get deeply concerned about the poor unfortunate ones across the water, God also blesses and touches hearts and places special conviction on the lost here. For until we can get the spirit of missions which is the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ we can not have a true love and concern for the lost.

May God bless the North Carolina Bible School which began today (June 26) to set sail on her determined voyage to carry many precious young men, women, ministers, and prospective ministers safely to the shores of more efficient service for the Master.

Believes the Lord Will Heal

LEPANTO, Ark.—Dear saints, I praise God this morning for victory in my soul over Satan. I can't praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me. I have been sick for about ten months. My folks sent me to the hospital and I stayed there a week. I have dropsy and liver trouble. The doctor at the hospital said I couldn't be cured, but, thank God, I told the woman in the room with me that I knew God would heal me and I came back home, putting all of my trust in God. I haven't taken any medicine, I laid it all down. Bless the name of my Lord who never lost a battle.

I had the saints at Marked Tree to pray for me. The Lord has touched my body every time they prayed and I felt like I was healed, but the enemy keeps trying to make me doubt it, although I am still trusting God. I believe He is going to give me complete healing. I want Brother Rouse and all the saints to pray for me that God will give me complete victory over this.

I am the only one in my family who has salvation and I don't get to be in service much. Please don't let this pass by. Pray that I will get completely healed.—Mrs. Josie Farth, Rt. 1, Lepanto, Ark.

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Revival

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — A successful revival closed here June 18 with Sister Helen DeFino as evangelist, assisted by her husband the last week. Their good messages were enjoyed by both saints and sinners. Some found Jesus as sweet peace to their souls. Four united with the church. A goodly number are planning to unite in the near future. We thank God for the good unity and love prevailing in our midst. God has blessed us immensely in our work here. Continue to pray for us. — Mrs. Rose (Lucia) Short and husband, leader.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

I Love The Church of God

Well, I just praise my God and His precious Son for the way He has overshadowed and kept me all my life, for seven times I would have gone into eternity had it not been for my great God looking down and answering a praying mother who prayed for me when I was less than a year old.

Some of those seven times I came near death I was old enough to give an account of myself, and, of course, if I had gone then it would have just meant eternal separation from God in all eternity. Well, I just cannot praise God enough for His great protection.

My father died before mother's prayers were answered but mother lived until after I received the precious Holy Ghost and God used me to pray her through.

I'm glad a sinner can call on God with an honest heart and believe God can do and will do, and He will. I truly praise God for my two brothers and sister-in-law who are enjoying the blessings of God and are members of the precious Church of God.

I love the Church of God because it stands for the straightest way I've ever heard preached, but I didn't join it because I knew it from a natural standpoint; I joined it because one night I went to the altar in the church at Branford, Fla., and while tarrying for the Holy Ghost I had a vision of an airplane going through the air, oh so fast, and while I wondered what it meant the Lord said, "Darkness is fast covering the earth," and then, "This church preaches *my gospel.*" I could not pray any more, I was blessed so much deep down in my heart! So when I got up a saint's husband said, "Sister Waldron, why don't you get the Holy Ghost?" I said, "I don't know, but there is one thing I know and that is this Church is right." He said, "Yes, I believe that." Breathe a prayer for him to not fail to make the goal. Now I did not know a thing as to its name, for there was no name on the building and all I knew it was called the Holiness church. I'm so proud of the way I was led in. I truly believe there is not another like her. Members here on earth may fail but the Church of God is going on unto the day she's presented to Christ. I want to be in that glorious number to help crown Him Lord of lords and King of kings.

Well, fourteen years ago the 29th of April I was truly saved. Six weeks later I was gloriously sanctified. Oh, that was so grand. I was given light on divine healing in the morning, healed in the afternoon and sanctified that night. It was a few months before I was where I could attend service and I did not know you could join the Church without the Holy Ghost, so there I was. Oh, I wanted to hurry and get Him so I could join. I would not ask questions or I could have learned the truth about it; but it pays to ask questions about God's work, and I don't mind asking now.

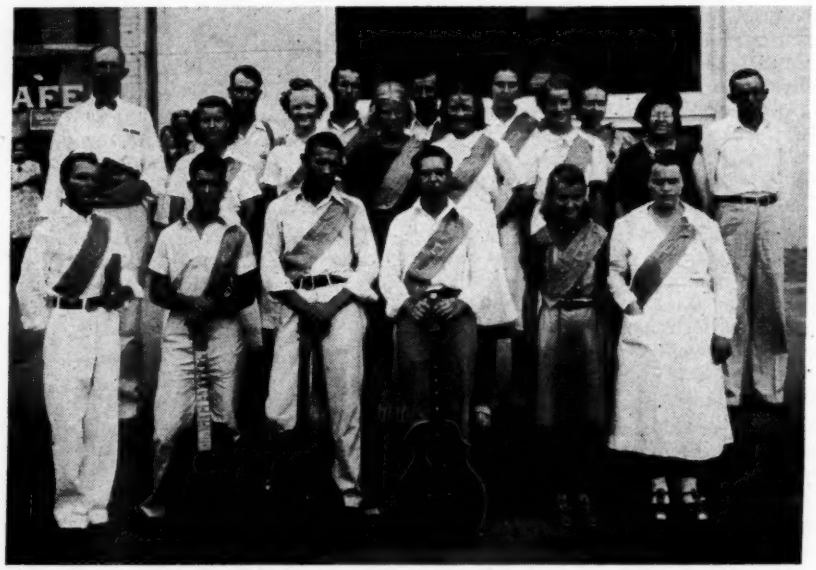
It was queer, I often felt after I was saved that some day I'd go West. In 1928 we lost all we had in the way of a crop, so my husband started out hunting work. He was a boiler maker by trade but jobs were not so plentiful. After a short time he stopped over in Beaumont, Tex., with the intent that if there was no work there he'd go on farther west. Now when he left me at home he left to go to my brother's in Virginia, but God just turned him after he'd gone no more than eighty miles. When he got to Texas work was not so plentiful but he just kept staying. In February God smiled on him with work and he is still there and has lost no time only in sickness or accident. That job caused me to go West as I'd often thought, even if it was only about 1,100 miles, and I'm glad of the way it has turned out. I lived in Port Arthur, Tex., for four years. I tried to get something started for Jesus and His Church but it seemed Satan had all his imps working to hinder.

Four years ago my husband went six miles from town and looked at a new addition that was being sold at so reasonable a price until it looked so good to him that he came back telling me his ideas of how we could buy and live and it was grand. But I thought, "Well, if God is in it all right," and I only told him if God doctor said she would have to be operated on but, priase the Lord, I anointed her with oil and prayed for her and God healed her. I feel good over this. If you will obey God, He will bless you.

Now we want you preachers to look at this wonderful group of boys and girls. Something can be done here for the Church of God, and by the help of the Lord we are going to have these boys and girls in the Church of God Y. P. E. We ask prayer of every saint. Pray that we will get a Church of God here.

The sister who was healed is on the right side with glasses on. I'm standing by the cafe with a bow tie on. Pray for me and my wife.—Hobert Reynolds, Fort Smith, Ark.

Good Prospects for The Church of God at Fort Smith, Arkansas



"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

Just a few lines to those who are called, if God has called you He means for you to go and not to sit down. If all of God's preachers would get on fire for Him, you would see more souls saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. God put it on my heart to come to this country and I obeyed Him, and when I got here He had a work for me to do. I got a place to have a meeting and God is blessing souls here. One has been saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God! There has also been a wonderful case of healing. Sister Pike had a tumor and the

did not care I did not. When he went to buy I went to prayer and hardly got knelt good when the Spirit said, "Can't you let *Me* lead and you follow?" Now you who have had such experiences can get a glimpse of what I enjoyed right there.

We were soon moved out, the first day of December being our first day here. Then in January I started walking the streets, seeing who would agree to gather for cottage prayer meeting. Well, it looked so good; there was a spirit that seemed to want me to have the meetings. I was overjoyed at the outlook, still I knew it would be the faithful who would endure and stand by when the test came. Well, that prayer meeting ranged from one to twelve present. I'd pray when I was alone as earnestly as when the twelve were there.

Unless you have lived in this part of Texas I don't think you can imagine our streets before they were shelled. The mud was awful, but I'd go on. God would bless and encourage me and Satan would say, "You know they are so tired of you pushing yourself on them," and God would let me think how Satan would push his work on people and that He sent me here and I must warn them of the things coming upon the disobedient and tell them the blessing coming on the obedient.

Eleven months after I moved here I started Sunday School in the homes. Later we started what we called children's hour once a week. Now God blessed our prayer meetings, Sunday School and children's hour. I've had lots of tests but the Word said, "Be not weary in well doing." That scripture He gave me so much, and later, through a saint, gave me the rest, "You shall reap if you faint not." Well, glory to my dear Father in heaven, for now we are reaping. No wonder He blessed me so these four years.

In March I just felt it was time to step into the waters of the Jordan, so while at my place of prayer one day the thought was so real, "Start your meeting on Thursday night." Behind it came, "Start it the 20th of April." Then Satan said, "Yes, but is the 20th on Thursday?" I said, "I don't know; I'll look when I get to the house," and prayed on.

We started meeting on Monday night and prayed especially for a man who would suit this place and whose wife could play. We believe we have just that, for the wife plays and he is stirring souls to read the Word. Well, we went on believing if we got all things ready God would get us a preacher, so the first of April we learned we could get Brother and Sister G. B. Byrne of Houston. We began fixing for them to come. While working in the two-room apartment, one said to me, "What if we do all this and they don't come?" I said, "Oh my, just don't think like that, for God is for us." When I got home in prayer the Spirit said, "If the son asked his father for an egg, would he give him a scorpion?" I said, "No, and I'm just looking to Jesus."

We started our meeting April 20. It was right queer. We could not have Sunday School in the tabernacle on the Sunday before Thursday. I knew why, for Thursday, the 20th, was to be our first service.

Things had gone fairly smooth until then, but we had trouble about getting lights. Our first service was held by one flashlight, one lamp and one lantern, but best of all we were not discouraged nor ashamed. The second night we had a lamp and lanterns. But for the third night the man next door let us use from his lights with an extension cord. After a week we got lights fixed and coupled in and the Word has been going forth every night since the 20th of April. We have had visitors from Texla and Orange.

We feel encouraged to go on but we could not obey God and do otherwise, for tongues and interpretation for the souls at stake was enough to make us be stirred. I'm so glad for the message in tongues. There are so many souls here who need the fullness of the Word, for it's not everyone who is preaching ALL the Word. True, many are preaching a part of it, but so many souls don't know the Word, therefore the Word must go from the pulpit for many to get it.

The Lord has been so real to us. There have been four united with the church, three baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray that the other one will soon get the blessing.

Our service last night, May 5, was grand. I feel good over what will be, for if God be for us who can be against us. Brother and Sister Bryne will be moving here this month to stay the balance of this year. We at Little Farms (name of this addition) are proud of what God is doing. He's been so real to us. Saints, please stop and ask God's holy hand on this place and the people. One has received the Holy Ghost. May souls see their need of Jesus and not be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ nor the Church He purchased with His own blood. I find Jesus more real every day. Bless His name.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, Box 44, Port Arthur, Tex.

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Dear Evangel readers, how I praise God for seeing fit to save my unworthy soul, sanctify and fill me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name. Tongue can never tell of the praise I have for Him. I love Him beyond man's words. You know I just want to be found worthy to enter in. He is my soul's keeper and body's healer. Praise God.

Some folks don't believe in God calling anyone to go to other fields, but over a year ago I was told by the Lord to come work in Arkansas. Pray for us that the Lord's work will be a success and a place of worship will be established near us. We are close to Locke, Ark.

We would appreciate an evangelist coming to preach for us; they would be welcome here. I desire your prayers that I may get closer to the Lord's side and walk hand in hand with Him.—Mrs. M. M. Meeks.

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Saved By the Grace of God

PIEDMONT, Ala.—About four years ago I thought I had the blessing. I would go to cottage meetings, help sing that old song, "Oh How I Love Jesus," then I would try to pray, and I am sure my prayers did not get any higher than the top of the house, if that high. Then after all that I would try to preach a little sermon. Now I know that the Lord has no use for a hypocrite preacher.

Around December 15, 1937, I made up my mind that I was a poor lost sinner and a hypocrite preacher, so I began to talk to the Lord about myself and He saved me from a life of sin and hypocrisy. A short while after Christmas Brother Richard came to Piedmont to the Church of God and held a revival. I went a few times, and one night after Brother Richard preached I went to the altar and the Lord wonderfully sanctified me. I knew then the hypocriting was gone, so I began to preach here and there. Ezek. 37: 1-5 just fixed me right up. I am sure there are lots of dry bones walking around today.

On the 24th day of April, 1938, the Lord filled my soul with heaven's Holy Ghost. I held three small revivals and if the Lord wills I expect to hold more this year. At present I am pastoring a small church on Sand Mountain.

I ask the saints of God to pray for me that I will be faithful and humble and on the battlefield when Jesus comes.—Jim. B. Dooley, Rt. 1.

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Jesus Did It All

LIVE OAK, Fla.—I praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. He healed our precious baby when it seemed it would be taken from us in spite of all that could be done. Our friends told us we had better take her to a doctor but Jesus is our doctor. Thank God for grace to trust Him. We surely had a fight but God knew just what we needed. We had prayer everywhere we could write or send word. We asked the Christians to help us hold on to God's unchanging hand. Her leg began to swell and get sore Aug. 29. It just kept swelling and getting worse all the time. She could not rest day nor night for two weeks. We

opened it and I do believe it ran a half pint then, and it rose in four different places and ran for three months like a boil. Pieces of bone would run out when we would bath and redress her leg. She surely suffered with it. The folks would say we would be sorry some day we did not have anything done for her, that she would never walk on it anymore, but we just fasted, cried and prayed to God to have His way. We saw her suffer until it seemed she could bear it no longer, so we began to beg God if it was not His will to heal her to take her out of her suffering, and oh, thank God, He came to our rescue and healed her. She is well today, walking everywhere. Jesus did it all. Praise God.

We feel sure this was to show our loved ones how God can heal, and will, if we just trust in Him. When it seemed we had gone as far as we could we would pray and God would say, "Trust a little longer." Oh glory to God.

I also praise God for the way He has blessed us here at Salem church. Souls are being saved and heaven seems low. God help us to be better workers for His cause.

Please pray a special prayer for my mother-in-law and sister-in-law that God will save them and fill them with the Holy Ghost. We are praying for them.—Mrs. Maggie Fender, Rt. 5, Box 300.

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Miraculous Healing Wrought

Dear Evangel readers, greetings through Jesus' name! I just want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. We wrote a while back that we were going to have a healing service at Ferris. We received quite a few letters and handkerchiefs to anoint. We have answers from a few of them.

Sister Roberta Palmer writes that she could hardly walk and couldn't use her hands except move them around just a little. When I anointed a cloth and sent to her she was healed. She says she can run now. If any doubt, her address is Route 3, Seaford, Del.

A sister who couldn't be out of bed without having on her girdle, without being swollen, was instantly healed by my sending her an anointed handkerchief. Her husband's head would swell about every month. When I prayed for him and sent him a cloth he was healed.

Now everyone just hold on to God for us. The sick and suffering, feel free to call on us, we are at your service.—Mrs. G. W. Alford, Box 124, Ferris, Tex.

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Still On My Way to Glory

LEAKESVILLE, Miss.—I thank the Lord for what He is to me; He has healed me so many times I can't praise Him enough. He is so good and real to me; He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I am living the life and I mean to live it until Jesus comes.

I got very weak and run-down about a year ago. I had some kind of weak spells and could hardly get my breath at times. I wrote to several of the saints and Brother Rouse to pray for me, and when I received the anointed cloth from Brother Rouse I laid it on my body in Jesus' name. I can truly say I haven't felt that way since. I would be so weak at times until I could hardly walk and I could hardly get my breath. I thank the Lord for being so real to me. Pray for me that I'll always stand true.—Mrs. C. A. Bradley.

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A Christlike Life Is What Counts

CANDLER, N. C.—I thank the Lord because I still have full salvation, and a greater determination to press on and be true to the end. If there ever was a time we needed to be genuine Church of God people, it is now, so live that those around us may see Jesus manifested in our lives. It doesn't do any good to argue one thing and live another. Our good, humble, pure, clean, upright, Christlike life is what counts; it will have its influence. The reason the disciples were called Christians was because they were Christlike.

I thank the Lord for healing my body many times. I thank Him for what He has done for me lately. I was very sick. The doctor came and gave me some medicine and told me I would have to take it right on after I was able to be up. I received an anointed handkerchief from Bro. Rouse (God bless that man of God). I laid my medicine down, laid the handkerchief on my body in Jesus' name. I got right out of bed, went to the table and ate dinner and have been improving from that day. I am able to do my work again. Dear one, if you don't get healed instantly, look up and have faith in God.

Pray for the little band of saints at the Candler Church of God that we might lift up Jesus and be humble and true.—Mrs. Frank Curtis.

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He Is Always Ready to Heal

IRVINE, Ky.—I thank the Lord for what He is to me; He is all and all. About nine years ago He saved, sanctified and gave me the precious Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4. I thank Him for His great healing power; He has healed so many times in our home. We have five children who have never taken a dose of medicine. The Lord has been good to us. When they get sick the Lord is always ready to heal them. He has healed them of smallpox, whooping cough, thrush, scarlet fever, stomach trouble and many other things. We have nine children and all have been healed by God's healing power, all are trusting God for their healing, and the devil knows it.

None of the saints live close to us and when we get sick I go before God and He knows my heart is to trust Him for our healing and He always answers my prayer.

Three years ago one of our boys got sick. He was so bad he had convulsions. Everybody who came to see him said he would die, but I felt like Job, "God giveth, God taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord." But it was not God's will to take him, He healed him of it and he is in good health today. I cannot praise Him enough for His healing power. He has healed my husband of snake bite and many others things. The Lord has healed me so many times and I promised to trust Him for everything.

I don't get to go to church very much and there are no Church of God people close to me, but the people know holiness is right. I thank God for the Church of God Evangel. It means much to me to read about God's work and the testimonies of children of God. I haven't been getting the Evangel very long but I thank God for it; it was the Lord who helped me get it. Some would give me some books and papers to read which said the Holy Ghost religion was man-made religion, but I burned them up. I know the Holy Ghost way is right and I shall not be moved. The devil and all of his angels can't move me one bit. I have the devil to fight; I have many trials and temptations to bear, but God will never leave us nor forsake us. Pray for us.—Mrs. James Campbell.

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God Is My Shield and Buckler

RANGER, Tex.—Dear saints, I am so glad the dear Lord kept me from 1882 in His loving care and keeping, even when I was living and walking in open rebellion, in opposition to His commandment under church pretense, until November, 1921. Then He saved and sanctified me. Glory! After that I hunted the real Church that was spoken of in God's truth, His Word. Glory be to God, I found it last July. I am free from all tobaccos, whiskies and beers and have no desire for worldly pleasures of any kind. Praise God.

I praise Him for healing me of stomach trouble of over twenty years' standing. Hallelujah! Jesus made me free. Oh, I do praise the name of Jesus for baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost and now I am telling those people who are deceived just like I was, about Jesus. The Church of God is the only Church and I believe there is no better publishing house or printing office anywhere. Dear saints, when we want any article that our Publishing House handles, let's send to our own and get it. All glory be to God.—A booster of the Evangel and Publishing House, W. E. Crafton, 610 Blundell St.

CONVENTIONS

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Heb. 10:25.

Sulphur Springs, Tex. Dist. Conv'n.

The Sulphur Springs, Tex., district convention convened April 21-23 at Freedom, Tex. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way in the very first service. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother Swain, with response by Sister Adams of Sulphur Springs. Brother Mitchell, pastor at Clarks Chapel, brought the evening message which everyone enjoyed.

Saturday Brother McBride, district pastor, was there on the job doing everything he could to make the convention a success. There were brief talks by different preachers which were enjoyed. The Spirit of God was running still higher. The special singing was enjoyed. The waves of glory were still rolling in the evening service. We had a praise service followed by an offering for our state overseer. Brother Scoggins brought the message which was enjoyed. During the convention we were privileged to meet folks we hadn't met in years.

The Spirit was running high in the Sunday morning service. A mission offering was taken, amounting to $18.40, after which Brother Scoggins brought a message. To say we enjoyed it would be putting it mild. The Lord set His approval on the message. In the afternoon service Brother Crow of Weatherford brought the message. The power of God fell.

There were thirteen counties represented at this convention. We had a week's meeting before the convention. Brother Carnes, pastor at Mt. Vernon, did the preaching. We believe this played a great part in making our convention so great. The Lord is blessing on this district.—Brother and Sister Swain, Emory, Tex.

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Harrison, Ark. Convention

The Church of God at Harrison, Ark., enjoyed a wonderful convention from the 16th through the 18th of June. Most of the ministers of the district were present and brought inspiring messages from the Word of God as well as encouraging reports of their churches. In every instance the "forward march" was sounded and the great blessing of God rested upon the entire convention in a way that we feel sure Northwest Arkansas will bring forth fruits to God in abundance throughout the year.

The church at Harrison, Ark., was set in order by Brother Wilma Henry, state overseer, in January, with a goodly number. Two ministers from other denominations joined the ranks and were licensed to carry the Church of God message. Brother Rowe, who has preached for another body for some time, was also a candidate for ministerial license and joined the Harrison Church of God Sunday.

Pray for this section of the state, in which lie great possibilities for both souls and other organized works for the Church of God. Brother Wilma Henry is conducting a revival here now and we urge the churches that are already established in many years of the Word and doctrine to pray much that this city shall be shaken with the mighty message and power of God.—Evangelist Ruth Wilson, Harrison, Ark.

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District Y. P. E. and S. S. Conv'n.

The Branford, Fla. district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention assembled at Branford on the 14th of May (Mother's Day), and from the first song it was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. Our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother Olan Land, was in charge. Special music was rendered by a brother who accompanied our state superintendent, which was enjoyed by all. We had a real good praise service after which messages, which were really inspiring, were brought by the speakers of the day.

Those bringing messages and talks were Brothers John Land, Swails, Wm. Stanfield, Mitchell Thomas, Duckworth, district pastor, and the writer.

Sunday afternoon we had the report of the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's. After a full day of rejoicing in God's Word and communion with each other we went to Alton church and there that night enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day program rendered by the people of the Alton church.

I am sure the entire day and evening service was enjoyed by all and we are encouraged to do just a little more for God and humanity in the future than we have in the past. Pray for us.—Thomas J. Wells, Mayo, Fla.

Huntington, W. Va. Dist. Conv'n.

The Huntington district convention convened May 12-14 with our efficient district pastor, Brother M. M. Mortenson, in charge. The opening service began Friday night with a cordial welcome extended to us by the same pastor. Various responses were made by Brothers H. C. Swanson, G. W. Grubbs and W. M. Dunn. We are sorry to report that due to illness our esteemed state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, was unable to be with us.

Saturday good messages were delivered by Brothers Ezra Johnson, G. W. Grubbs, R. A. Fielden, H. C. Swanson, C. H. Standifer, state overseer of Michigan and C M. Keys. These messages were thoroughly enjoyed and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Special music and singing by Brother Harold Phillips of Ohio, Sister Io Garlett of Indiana and others was enjoyed.

Sunday morning the lesson was taught from the pulpit by Brother Mortenson. Brothers Dunn and H. O. Statum, Sister Standifer, a good sister of West Virginia, and Brother C. H. Standifer brought messages. A mission spirit prevailed and an offering of $77.15 was obtained; $35.00 in cash and the remainder in pledges. There are only six small churches on this district and the strike was existing, yet God's people are willing to give and trust Him. In the evening the Y. P. E. gave an interesting program. It is marvelous to see how the Church of God young people are advancing and how God blesses them in their efforts of serving Him. Brother C. H. Standifer delivered the last message of the convention, which was enjoyed.

On a whole and generally speaking, this district convention was efficiently conducted and a success. Six states; namely, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Michigan were represented. The editor of the city paper published an interesting item concerning the program and a prominent music

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Iowa and Nebraska Camp Meeting

Prepare now to attend the camp meeting August 25-September 3 in Lynnville, Iowa in the old settlers' park. An ideal place for a camp meeting. Good shade and fine water. Plenty of camping room. Bring your tents and trailers. If you do not have a tent and desire to rent one, please let me know before August 15 and I will make arrangements to have you one on the ground. Tents can be rented for the ten days for $3.50, size 9x12; 12x14 can be had for $4.50; cots for $.50. We invite the joining states to come be with us and let's have a great Middlewest camp meeting.—J. L. Goins, state overseer of Iowa and Nebraska.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.

BRAGGADOCIO, Mo.—We praise the Lord for the good revival just closed Sunday night, May 28. We had as an evangelist, Sister Geneva Presley of Brighton, Mo. She did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Twelve were saved, eight sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, seven baptized in water and eleven added to the church. We had a good refreshing and just don't know the full depths of the success of the revival here at Kinsfolks Ridge. The Lord was surely pleased with this meeting. The saints were edified by the Word. May the dear Lord continue to bless her efforts for Him. The church is growing at Kinsfolks Ridge. We are going over the top for Jesus. Hallelujah!—M. C. Lacefield, pastor.

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BARNABUS, W. Va. — I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at Barnabus, W. Va. We have just closed a ten weeks' revival and I couldn't begin to tell the good that was done. The house was full every night and some nights all couldn't get in. Brother Allen Tomblin conducted it the first three weeks. We enjoyed his good messages. The power fell and the good saints shouted and spoke in tongues. Oh, what a glorious time! The Lord was blessing in such a wonderful way we felt we just couldn't close, so Brother R. B. Underwood came and preached seven weeks and God surely blessed him in giving out the Word. Forty-two were saved, thirty-four sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. We surely appreciate Brother Underwood and his good wife and welcome them and Brother Tomblin back any time. We have a fine band of saints here. I have been here nearly two years and I can truthfully say I never worked with better people. They are on fire for the Lord. Oh, that sweet unity that is existing is why God is blessing. We do appreciate the way they have labored in this revival. Pray for us here at Barnabas that we will be faithful in the work of the Lord.—Jessie Mae Rose, leader.

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BRADSHAW, W. Va.—We had Sister Bertha G. Shideler of Muncy, Ind., now taking care of a church in Berea, Ky., with us for a revival which lasted four weeks. This was an old time revival where the Spirit surely scheduled each service. The sick were healed, messages in tongues with interpretation went forth, which brought many crying to the altar. The community was benefited, the church edified. Many were led into the full gospel of the Church of God. We had a nice attendance, estimated at from six to eight hundred and many turned away who couldn't enter the building.

On the last night we observed the Lord's Supper and had feet washing and there were fifty who took part. Twenty-nine were saved, nine sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-seven added to the church and twenty-three baptized in water.

This is a new church. Holiness was almost unknown here until last August, when Brother C. H. Blankenship gave us a revival in a tent. Much good was accomplished. Several were saved and sanctified and twenty-two received the Holy Ghost. In January they started working on a church building directed by Brother Blankenship, a building 28x60 feet, and it is now completed and the above is our first revival in the new building. The church is surely on fire for the Lord and we covet your prayers.—The clerk, Lula Evans.

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SLATON, Tex.—We just closed a revival with Brother J. E. Hull doing the preaching. Brother Hull did some good preaching and stirred some of the saints and some of them are paying tithes again. One was saved, two sanctified, one added to the church and four baptized in water. Brother H. N. Scoggins was with us June 10, 11 and preached for us. We surely love our state overseer and truly hope he will be with us for another year.

The church at Lubbock is in a revival now with Brother Wilson Bennett. It is reported they are having a good time. Please pray for that revival. Also pray for the church here in Slaton. We are having a good time in the Lord but the church is not as spiritual as we would like to see it, so continue to pray for us. We are looking for you Church of God folks at the camp meeting at Weatherford.—Roy J. Young, Box 334.

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CULBERSON, N. C.—Greetings in the name of our soon coming King. I praise God for His goodness toward us; glad He is still blessing. I thank God for sending Brother and Sister Jamison our way. The Lord surely blessed their work during the revival. One was reclaimed, one sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, for which I praise God for adding one more to our little number. Dear readers, please pray that God may open the eyes and understanding of those unsaved at this place, that the true light of the Church of God may be seen. We are fighting a great battle against the enemy here and I trust all who read this will pray for us. We need the prayers of every child of God to help us fight the battle for God and right.

I thank God for our Sunday School and the way He blesses in our little prayer meetings. We plan to begin a revival the second Sunday in July, so please pray that God will still continue to bless and give us many more souls. I ask an interest in your prayers for I have many trials and temptations. Pray for my home. I pray God will bless you.—Elsie Lafevers, Rt. 2.

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FOLEY, Fla.—We just closed a five-weeks' revival at Perry, Fla. with Brother and Sister P. W. Chesser in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Forty were converted, about thirty-two sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-four added to the church. All the members were blessed with a renewing of the Spirit.

Brother and Sister Chesser are great soul winners for God and we wish them much success in their ministry.—Eleanor Beard.

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ALLIGOOD, N. C. — I praise the Lord for the good revival just closed here with Sister B. J. Hillhouse in charge. She was here eleven nights during which time sixteen were saved, twelve sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water and five added to the church. Brother Hillhouse was here the last two days of the meeting and did the baptizing and taking into the church. There are others to be baptized and taken in yet. The meeting was a great blessing to the church. How we wish Sister Hillhouse could have stayed longer as there was the greatest interest shown that Alligood has had in many years. People were attending from as far as thirty miles and the meeting closed with hungry souls in the altar. We believe Brother and Sister Hillhouse have their whole hearts in the work of the Lord.

We also thank God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Hardee. They were sick during the meeting and could not attend. Please pray for them and the church here. Pray for those who just started in the way here that they may become a great help to us and for others who have started. We have a very small number, so it makes it hard for us. We need much prayer.—F. Woolard, clerk.

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GUTHRIE, Okla.—We just closed a great revival a few weeks ago. It was surely successful and really God blessed. Praise His dear name. There were thirty saved, nineteen sanctified and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name. He is worthy of all praise. June 11 some were added to the Church of God which is the real Bible Church. Later two were baptized in water. Brother Jimmie Myers and Lawrence Shefer held the revival.

We have a wonderful pastor; he is a God-sent man. We are so glad God is

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REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed of an internal cancer. —Mrs. J. F. Richey, Rt. 1, Six Mile, S. C.

My eyes and head to be healed.—Mrs. Myrtle Bruff, 2238 Wabash St., Detroit, Mich.

The healing of my feet.—Mrs. Mary Curren, Rt. 2, Box 352, Bessemer, Ala.

Me and my husband's souls and bodies. —Mrs. J. L. Alexander, Holcomb, Miss.

My little boy to be healed of a badly bruised or broken arm.—Mamie Pace, Magic Springs, Ark.

My mother, Mrs. Lydia Cotter, Turtletown, Tenn., who is very low; me to be healed.—Mrs. O. J. Plake, Russell Springs, Ky.

Me to be healed.—D. A. Biggs, Knoxville, Tenn.

The healing of my mother's head.—Joe Trusty, Dixon Ky.

My healing. I swallowed a chicken bone thirteen years ago which lodged in my chest. It is giving me trouble now; my daughter to be healed of head trouble; my son-in-law's leg to be healed. Anointed cloths appreciated.—Mrs. Mollie Smith, Grant, Ala.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure; to continue to live for the Lord.—Mrs. R. S. Cooksey, Rt. 1, Box 189-A, Belzoni, Miss.

The church at Newville, Pa.; those who are so rebellious, that God will bring them in some way.—Brother and Sister P. R. Walker, Broad St., Newville, Pa.

The healing of my arms which are broken; my eyes to be strengthened; someone to be saved.—Mrs. Frances Grice, Selma, N. C.

Unspoken request; God to have His way in my life; God to lead us.—Mrs. Golden Griffin, Heber Springs, Ark.

My body; victory over a severe test; my family to be saved.—Mrs. Dollie Layne, Whitwell, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I am very sick.—Evelyn Engle, Hardburly, Ky.

The Lord to supply our needs.—Ebenezer T. Musgrove, pastor at Whitby church; J. T. Musgrove, pastor at Kew; A. W. Rigby, overseer Turks Island.

Me to be healed; my mind to get better.—Mrs. Luvenia Reid, Folsom, La.

A young man here to be healed; his father and mother; my husband to be healed.—Mrs. Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

Me to keep in the faith; my wife to be saved. Letters of encouragement appreciated.—J. W. A. Smith, Grand Turk Island, B. W. I.

Me to be healed of a skin disease; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; unspoken request—Mrs. Estes Miller, Tuscumbia, Ala.

The healing of my body in general.—M. J. Clifford, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Our baby; the work here; unspoken request; our pastor and his wife; Brother and Sister Boyd Denham; me.—Mrs. James Bishop, Star Rt. 2, Box 28, Brodhead, Ky.

My mother to be saved and healed of afflicted mind.—Lewi Wherlie Fairburn, Box 214, Ponchatoula, La.

Our camp meeting at Sidney, Ohio.—Mrs. Nona Dame, 715 W. Park St., Sidney, Ohio.

Special request; to stay in the Lord's will.—Stella Henderson, Box 164, Chapman, Ala.

My unsaved husband; me.—Mrs. C. C. Baldwin, Bone Cave, Tenn.

God to provide a way for me and my children to go to Sunday School and church; God to show my husband the light on the Church of God and that he will be saved; me to be an overcomer; our pastor and his wife; that we will have a good revival; the saints to get on fire; souls to be saved.—Mrs. Tennie Etheridge, Rt. 3, Liberty, Miss.

Our revival here; lost souls to be saved; the saints here to be overcomers and stand true; my loved ones to be saved; me to be victorious; a church to be set in order here; Pearl Odum to get satisfied with her experience in the Lord. —Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Odum, 25 Douglas St., Opp, Ala.

Special request; to me to do God's will. Letters of encouragement appreciated from those I know.—Mrs. D. H. Linville, Unicoi, Tenn.

Our revival; God to strengthen my body; my girls' bodies.—Mrs. Martha Boree, 2634 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

The revival here.—A. F. Wilson, 54 Spofford, Wilmington, N. C.

My brother's eyes which are about out. —Mrs. G. H. Brock, Hendersonville, N. C.

My baby's cough; me to get to attend church more.—Mrs. Ellen Morris, Dillon, S. C.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

HOLT

Sister Martha Jane Holt, faithful member of the Church of God at Sharps Chapel, Ark., died May 19, 1939; age eighty-four years.—W. E. Wright, pastor, Rt. 1, Cherry Valley, Ark.

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BANTON

Sister Leona Banton, faithful member of the Church of God at Sharps Chapel, Ark., died June 15, 1939; age fifty-one years, one month and nine days.—W. E. Wright, pastor, Cherry Valley, Ark.

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POINTER

Sister Alice Pointer, faithful member of the Church of God at Highway, died June 4, 1939; age forty years, seven months and five days.—J. R. Robinson, pastor, Rt. 1, Fyffe, Ala.

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BERRONG

James Truett Berrong, member of the Church of God at Hayesville, N. C., was killed in a car wreck in Akron, Ohio, May 25, 1939; age sixteen years, eleven months and thirteen days.—His father, Boyd G. Berrong, Margret, Ga.

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HESTER

Ossie W. Hester, Jr. was drowned June 10, 1939; age sixteen years and ten months.—Mrs. Warren Gosnell, Greenville, S. C.

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SHENK

Sister Elsie May Shenk, faithful member, clerk and Sunday School teacher of the Church of God at Newville, Pa., died June 7, 1939; age forty-two years and six months. Please pray that God will make a way for her children.—Brother and Sister P. R. Walker, Newville, Pa.

The Sure Foundation or Christ in You the Hope of Glory

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ful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." But in another place Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Then one might ask if good works are essential to receiving judgment rewards and we are so strictly commanded to maintain good works, why does Paul lay such stress on our being saved by grace through faith, it being not of ourselves, but the gift of God climaxing with, "not of works lest any man should boast"? Well, the answer is, he did not climax with "not of works lest any man should boast" but the next verse, "For we are HIS workmanship created in Christ Jesus UNTO good works." Good works is a part of our new creation and if any boasting is coming to any one it is to none other than God. He created us characteristic of good works in our conversion and ordained that we should walk in them.

Continuing on with this second chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he admonishes them to remember that they

were ONE time Gentiles, without Christ, aliens and strangers from the covenant, no hope and without God, afar off, BUT NOW made nigh by the blood of Christ, who reconciled both (Jew and Gentile) unto God in one body by the cross. And through Him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God and are built upon the FOUNDATION of the apostles and prophets.

CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY

Yes, Christ in you is the seal. However, Christ in you will result in some good works. It is a part of the creative act of God in our conversion and new birth. It is true that in backsliding the missing of the works is the first indication or symptom but it is furthermore true that the creation itself is on dangerous grounds and will finally be as minus as works. Says Paul, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are SEALED unto the day of redemption."

FRUIT

YES, "By their fruits ye shall know them," said our Lord. We, as individual beings, have no other way of determining whether or not one possesses Christ, but not so with God. He doesn't have to look for surface evidences as we do. He knoweth them that are His. His way of knowing is sure, having this seal. It is possible for us to be delivered in fruit, or for what purpose it is displayed or brought into play, but not so with God.

In the Beatitudes Jesus presented the characteristics of those who belong to His kingdom. In the larger part of His Sermon on the Mount He instructed His followers in the art of right living. Toward the close of His sermon He warned His disciples against false teachers and urged them to base their lives upon a firm and SURE FOUNDATION. Jesus realized from the first that the movement that He was inaugurating would be confused by spurious leaders. Some of them would be sincere enough but entirely uninformed. Some for selfish ends would seek leadership in the great movement. With some, Christian activity would be nothing but a means of acquiring wealth and station, according to the parable of Matt. 13:31, 32, that utter selfishness and a lack of true consecration would throw the Church into such confusion that hundreds of different antagonistic denominations would spring up, some of Paul, some of Apollos, some of Cephas and a few of Christ.

In warning His followers against false leaders Jesus furnished a test by which the believer could use as a basis to determine the false or true character of those who sought leadership. And of course the same rule or basis is applicable to all alike whether leaders or those being led. They were to be judged by their fruits. If the faith they professed caused them to lead blameless, unselfish and helpful lives, then their faith was genuine and they could be followed with safety. But if they, in spite of their pious avowals, led selfish, grasping and avaricious lives, they were nothing but human wolves parading in the guise of sheep. Or in other words, unless the leader reflected in his life the essence of the beatitudes, all of his professions were false, and his leadership should be rejected. Finally, the believer was to build his life upon a firm and SURE FOUNDATION. In emphasizing this injunction Jesus gave the parable of the two builders. Both built houses and the material of the two houses, no doubt, was alike. Perhaps the walls of both were built with equal skill. But one was built upon the sand, which was cut out by the first flood and the walls of the house were leveled. The other was built upon a rock and its foundation defied the worst that any storm could bring. And so it would be with professors and possessors.

Encouragement

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instead of honored. I believe we ought to honor great men while they live, and little men, little preachers, need good encouragement from their superiors. It seems to me I have seen men in a position where they could do lots of good but they were so careful to ignore others and cause godly men to feel so humiliated because they felt they had not been appreciated, and many have left the Church because they were not appreciated where their field of labor was. It doesn't cost us anything to be kind and show our appreciation, even to our inferiors. I don't believe when a man dies we ought to say so much about his being a good man and a good preacher, when in his lifetime we ignored him. You may think that the one who is ignored and slighted does not know it or feel it but he does and that one thing will get in our way if we are not careful. I have seen the time a few encouraging words meant more than gold to me, and caused me to take new life and try again. Pray for me to encourage some while passing by.

NOTICES

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ing in the afternoon. Everybody is invited to come. Come and let's have a good time in the Lord.—Mrs. Dee Francis Smith, clerk, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

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Brother Frank Lemons, please write soon regarding your coming here for a tent revival at Docena, Ala. We are anxious for you to come.—Thos. G. Evans, Star Rt., Ensley, Ala.

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CORRECTION: In the June 24 issue of the Request Column the name of the evangelist in the request of Mrs. L. C. Henderson, 1000 E. Cross St., Pensacola, Fla. should have been Brother J. L. Frazier instead of Brother Trosher.

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I wish to advise all my good friends that I have changed my residence to 330 Bond St., Marion, S. C. God is still working wonders in my ministry and hundreds of people are getting blessed by sending handkerchiefs to me. Many people are writing the Evangel as to my whereabouts and for that reason I am making known my present address. We expect to change our mailing address in the near future but mail will always reach us at the above address.

I also want to make known the wonderful gift God delivered to me, by giving me Brother Charles Perry and his wife, Sister Ethel Perry. Brother Perry was a technician and teacher in one of the leading university schools of medicine when the Lord delivered him from sin and healed him of an affliction with which he suffered for twelve years. With all his knowledge in science he had to turn to the Lord for help.

Brother Perry is equipped with a knowledge that will carry him far in the Lord's work. He has given up all his theories in medicine and recommends nothing but prayer for an afflicted body. He will be glad to answer any question about your afflictions that you may ask him, and he invites you to write him any time. Sister Ethel Perry is the former Ethel Simpson of Fort Mill, S. C. and is a gifted singer and guitar player. Anyone wanting to write may find them at the above address.—L. G. Rouse.

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To whom it may concern: I hold exhorter's papers with the Church of God but am desiring a closer walk with God. Anyone needing help in a revival, I will gladly help in the altar work, singing or preaching, if my expenses are paid to and fro. I do not have a car.—Ruth Trumbo, Rt. 2, Box 189, Rayville, La.

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ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

Where?

At Forrest City, Ark., beginning July 16 and continuing through the 23rd. The convention will be the last three days. Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, will be the guest speaker for the convention.

Ministers, start making plans now to be present with the greatest report ever for the state of Arkansas. There will be a church building or tent for those who wish to camp. Bring your bedding and camping outfit. There will be stoves and tables where you can cook and eat. Free entertainment for all out-of-state ministers. Come on, ministers, visit a great

state and attend the first camp meeting in the state of Arkansas for the Church of God.

Missions

Ministers, be sure to be present by July 17. We will be looking for you with your mission quota not less than 50c per member. Many of our good, loyal ministers have already reported they would be present with $1.00 per member or over. Remember, ministers, to win the state mission prize your five per cent missions must be paid up to state.

Y. P. E. and S. S.

Be sure, local superintendents and Y. P. E. leaders, to send Brother George E. Brazell, state superintendent, Stuttgart, Ark., a report on the first of July of your Y. P. E. and Sunday School work so he can have a report ready for the state convention.

L. W. W. B.

Willing Workers, bring a report of your work for this year.

Prayer Day

Prayer day for camp meeting and convention is July 8. Everyone please earnestly pray on that day, for the camp meeting and convention will be a failure without the great power of God. We are expecting many souls to find God.

District Pastors

You are expected to bring a one hundred per cent report from each church on your district—aged ministers' quota, special missions, five per cent missions, state parsonage quota, etc. Clerks, bring your report book. Each church see that an offering is taken for your pastor to come on.—Wilma Henry, overseer of Arkansas.

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We are in a revival at Hardy, Ark. It's a new field, just one Church of God member here. All near-by preachers come and bring your members and musicians and help put the revival over.—E. R. Heaton and Albert Stephens, Hardy, Ark.

Revivals

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blessing here. We have forty-five members. I am so glad that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed on Him shall not perish, but have eternal life, and that included even me.—Cordie Dodson, clerk, 410 W. Washington.

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ROSWELL, N. Mex.—Dear Evangel family, greetings of love to all. We have just closed a revival with Brother and Sister Mitchell, evangelists. Fifteen were saved. We have started a revival now but have no place to worship at present only in the open air. We ask that all will pray for us a home. We feel like the wandering Jew, with no place to go, but God has a place, I know, somewhere in Roswell for the Church of God. Three united with the church last Sunday. Do pray that God will give us a revival and those just saved will go on to the fullness of the blessing.

We are doing our best. Roswell is a hard place to raise finance even to live on. We are trying to get a lot and a place to call home. God can deal with some to help us; I know He can. Roswell is a fine town and needs the Church of God in it. Do pray for us here.—Brother and Sister Drake and boys, Gen. Del.

District Conventions

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store loaned musical instruments to be used in the orchestra. The Lord blessed our souls and surely everyone felt inspired to be better Christians and fight the battles, that we may encounter, with a new zeal and determination to win the victory for our Savior who has done so much for us. — Reporter, Thelma L. Bridwell, Huntington, W. Va.

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Convention News, Hattiesburg, Miss., May 12-14, Inclusive

The Y. P. E. and Sunday Schools of the Hattiesburg district convened at the church in the city of Hattiesburg, Miss. May 12-14. Delegates were present from every church in the district. The presence of God was wonderfully manifested and the spirit of co-operation was evident in each service. Excellent reports were rendered by every church, Sunday School and Y. P. E. These reports demonstrated the very able, capable and excellent leadership of Brother Roy Douglas, the superintendent.

Able and inspirational talks were delivered by Brother Brewer, Brother Douglas and Sister Elaine Herrington. Sister Herrington is one of the leading young members of the Y. P. E. and Sunday School teachers of the Church of God in the state of Mississippi. She has a wonderful and glorious experience in Christ. She also rendered a wonderful solo, and while she sang the blessings of God just seemed to shower down from heaven and all present received a glorious and wonderful blessing. All those assigned to the program delivered able and very much appreciative talks.

The young people openly and anxiously pledged to Brother Douglas their united co-operation for a greater work in the future than had been done in the past.

The convention came to a close with the blessings of God upon everyone present. People left the convention with renewed courage and a promise to put the Church program in this district over one hundred per cent.

We request the prayers of all of God's people that God will bless the undertakings of the young people in the Church in this state and everywhere.—Kelly J. Hammond, Columbia, Miss.

The Colored Assembly as I Saw It

God met us there in power. On Monday, May 15, I left home for Jacksonville to attend the Annual Assembly with Brother F. B. Bell at the wheel of his car. As we journeyed through the country, picking up passengers here and there (some of the road was rough while the rest of the way was smooth driving), my soul was filled with inspiration as I rode through the country. Even the car wheels sent out the message that Jesus was soon to come.

We arrived at Jacksonville about 6:56 p. m., went to our room and refreshed ourselves. That night we were off to the great temple. Long before reaching there you could hear shouts of praise. God met with us there in power. Oh, how my heart thanked God that I was able to attend another glorious convention. It was the best; the half has never yet been told of the good things God has in store for His children if we prove faithful. All the bishops were in line waiting as they did in the upper room at Jerusalem, waiting for the promised power. The singing was glorious; the message went forth as a twoedged sword; the power fell in every service. Brother B. B. Powell of St. Petersburg, Fla., Sister Scott of Pennsylvania and Sister Carey of Sanford, Fla. were at their best at the piano with power. It was indeed wonderful. It seemed as if Jesus were coming right then; it was sweet.

The convention was well represented with saints from all over the country. Some came by train, some by bus, some in cars, while some who were determined hitch-hiked. It reminded me of the great day that the Lord shall call in His elect from the corners of the world. As the message went forth the power fell and worth-while revelation went forth. There were waves after waves of joy, shouting, dancing under the mighty power of God, speaking in tongues which reminded me of the day of Pentecost.

Our blessed Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, and his good people, were there in every service. They certainly enjoyed themselves. Our own beloved overseer was a fountain of smiles and joy as each minister stood to make his report for the year's work. Even so, we must report to God. The spirit of love existed among us and there was not a friction among them, no grievance. All record was clear and members and pastors were satisfied to return another year to their field of labor. It was just like heaven to me. It was sweet and free, nothing to bind the service, so God took charge and made it what He wanted it to be, and so it was. This is how I saw this great convention.

I will never let the banner trail in the dust but ever hold it high until He calls me home to be with Him, which is far better.

Dear saints, pray for me and with me that I may ever hold to God's unchanging hand.

I was glad to meet old friends and new ones. I did not have a dull moment there. Some day we will meet our loved ones who are gone before. The great temple as I saw it was crowded at every session. As we went down to the dining room to eat, it was like I believe it will be when we all go into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Oh, dear ones, those of you who did not go missed a double supply from the fountain that never runs dry.

As I saw the convention, the 15th Annual Assembly of the Church of God (Colored) held at Jacksonville, Fla. May 15-21, our beloved Bishop J. H. Curry presiding.—Mrs. G. A. LaFleur.

Be Watching, Praying and Waiting

IRON CITY, Ga.—I praise my Redeemer for what He means to me and for the great promises I have of the future, because He is so real in my life, and oh, how I do praise and exalt Him for hearing and answering prayer. How I thank and praise Him because He has promised to help us overcome in the hour of temptation. How much I do praise Him for that great divine healing power that means so very much to me.

I was healed of cancer about two years ago after it had gone inside to my heart, after an operation and radium had failed. Oh, may I ever cling to Him who has so much power. God forbid that I ever turn back to the weak arms of flesh after my Savior has done so much for me. I have been trusting Him for soul and body for some time and I find He is a friend that never fails. He knows if we really mean to trust Him.

I thank and praise Him because He saved, sanctified and gave me the good Holy Ghost nearly two years ago and made me fit to belong to the Church of God. I'm really encouraged to do more for Him, be more faithful and sacrifice more for His name and cause. Oh, how I do want to share this good blessing with others and how I do want to use what talent God gave me or may give me. I do want to always prove that He is in my life. Pray for me that I'll be on the firing line, ready to meet Him in the rapture.—Mrs. Lena Herring.

Thank God For What Faith I Had

WOODVILLE, Ala. — I praise our Savior who has done so much for me. He has saved me from a life of sin, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I have been added to the dear old Church of God, of which I am proud. I praise God for His mighty healing power because He can heal all manner of diseases. He can heal when everything else fails.

I was healed nearly three years ago of what the doctor said was gallstone and appendicitis. I had been bothered with this trouble for several years and didn't seem to get any better. One day I became very ill suddenly. I sent for the saints to pray for me. I got better then worse. My husband got ready to take me to the hospital. I was so sick I didn't know what to do. When we arrived the doctor said I would have to have three operations—very serious ones. I said, "No, I have to care for my children." Then I asked God to help me. My faith seemed weak. Oh, how I thank God for what faith I had, it kept me off that operating table.

I went back home and got worse that night. Thank God for sending Brother and Sister Preston across this mountain. They heard I was very sick and came to see me. He began to talk and ask me why I didn't trust God. My faith seemed to grow stronger so we had prayer. The Lord healed me. We shouted and praised God but that night I doubted I was healed. My husband and his sister said I must go back to see the doctor again the next morning. I was praying to God all the time not to let me go. When the car got there to carry me to the hospital I was as easy as I am now. Thank the Lord. I didn't want to go but they said I must go, so we went. I could feel my faith increasing. I am so glad I learned to trust Him, He will never fail. When we got to the hospital the doctor said he couldn't find anything wrong with me. I was well, but the old enemy had to play a part. My husband said I must stay a few days, I might have another bad spell. I felt good and I didn't want to seem contrary to anyone so I stayed nearly two days. I came home and haven't had any more trouble with my side and I know God healed me. I praise Him for it. I didn't do what He wanted me to do that day. He wanted me to get up there in that hospital and tell them I was healed and walk and praise His name, but I didn't do it and I have been weakened by not obeying Him. Pray for me that I will walk in the light and do His will. Pray for my loved ones to be saved.

I haven't heard a sermon preached in about seven months, only the ones in the Evangel. We love the Evangel. My little ten-year-old girl loves to read it too. She enjoys the young people's letters.

The Lord has healed in our home many times. Last summer my husband had something wrong with his head. We went to church and had prayer for him several times. The saints prayed for him here at home but he didn't get any better so we had to leave the revival on account of his head. Some would tell him it was sinus trouble. He seemed to get worse one morning and I said, "I am going to write Brother Rouse for an anointed cloth." I did, and by the next day he was able to sit up some. By the time Brother Rouse got the letter he was able to go to a revival going on close to our home. Praise His name. Pray for us. —Mrs. Maggie Selvage, Rt. 2.

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Ahead of Satan

McCOOL, Miss.—Dear friends, it does my soul so much good to know I am ahead of Satan by the help of the Lord. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The devil fought me hard about getting what the apostles had, but thanks be to God for the inward man, Jesus. I am so thankful I have a know-so salvation, something that is pleasing to my dear Savior.

We have a good little Sunday School here, two miles west of McCool under a brush arbor. All you saints pray if it is the Lord's will, that we will get a church here. God can work when no man can hinder. Pray for me to hold out for Jesus and do His will.—Evangelist Sam W. Kellum, Rt. 3.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9
Oklahoma—July 14-16
Pennsylvania—July 13-16
Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—July 20-30
Arkansas—July 21-23
West Virginia—July 21-23
Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.
Tennessee—July 27-30
Kentucky—July 28-30
Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
Texas State Convention—August 4-6
Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13
Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13
Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13
Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13
Mississippi—August 10-13
Iowa Camp Meeting—Aug. 25-Sept. 3
Louisiana—August 24-27
Maine—September 1-4